

Department of Veterans Affairs

§ 4.85

RATINGS FOR IMPAIRMENT OF VISUAL FIELDS—Continued

	Rating
Concentric contraction of visual field:	
With remaining field of 5 degrees: ¹	
Bilateral	100
Unilateral	30
Or evaluate each affected eye as 5/200 (1.5/60).	
With remaining field of 6 to 15 degrees:	
Bilateral	70
Unilateral	20
Or evaluate each affected eye as 20/200 (6/60).	
With remaining field of 16 to 30 degrees:	
Bilateral	50
Unilateral	10
Or evaluate each affected eye as 20/100 (6/30).	
With remaining field of 31 to 45 degrees:	
Bilateral	30
Unilateral	10
Or evaluate each affected eye as 20/70 (6/21).	
With remaining field of 46 to 60 degrees:	
Bilateral	10
Unilateral	10
Or evaluate each affected eye as 20/50 (6/15).	
6081 Scotoma, unilateral:	
Minimum, with scotoma affecting at least one-quarter of the visual field (quadrantanopsia) or with centrally located scotoma of any size	10
Alternatively, evaluate based on visual impairment due to scotoma, if that would result in a higher evaluation.	

¹ Review for entitlement to special monthly compensation under 38 CFR 3.350.

RATINGS FOR IMPAIRMENT OF MUSCLE FUNCTION

Degree of diplopia	Equivalent visual acuity
6090 Diplopia (double vision):	
(a) Central 20 degrees	5/200 (1.5/60)
(b) 21 degrees to 30 degrees	
(1) Down	15/200 (4.5/60)
(2) Lateral	20/100 (6/30)
(3) Up	20/70 (6/21)
(c) 31 degrees to 40 degrees	
(1) Down	20/200 (6/60)
(2) Lateral	20/70 (6/21)
(3) Up	20/40 (6/12)
Note: In accordance with 38 CFR 4.31, diplopia that is occasional or that is correctable with spectacles is evaluated at 0 percent.	
6091 Symblepharon:	
Evaluate based on visual impairment, lagophthalmos (diagnostic code 6022), disfigurement (diagnostic code 7800), etc., depending on the particular findings.	

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IMPAIRMENT OF AUDITORY ACUITY

§ 4.85 Evaluation of hearing impairment.

(a) An examination for hearing impairment for VA purposes must be conducted by a state-licensed audiologist and must include a controlled speech discrimination test (Maryland CNC) and a puretone audiometry test. Ex-

aminations will be conducted without the use of hearing aids.

(b) Table VI, “Numeric Designation of Hearing Impairment Based on Puretone Threshold Average and Speech Discrimination,” is used to determine a Roman numeral designation (I through XI) for hearing impairment based on a combination of the percent of speech discrimination (horizontal